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THE AMERICAN PARTY OF OHIO.

At the Annual Session of the State Council, held in Cleveland, June 5th, 1855, the following Platform of Principles as expressive of the sentiment of the Order in this State, was adopted and ordered to be published to the world over the signatures of its officers:

WE PROCLAIM TO THE WORLD THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES OF THE AMERICAN PARTY OF OHIO.

I. The unlimited freedom of Religion disconnected with political hostility to ecclesiastical influences upon the affairs of government—equality of rights to all naturalized Emigrants who are thoroughly Americanized, and owe no temporal allegiance, by reason of their religious higher than that to the Constitution of the United States; yet on all proper occasions, already acquired by Foreigners, and the protection of law to all who honestly emigrate from love of liberty; but the exclusion of foreign paupers and felons, and a refusal to extend the right of suffrage to all who come hereafter until they shall have resided 21 years in the United States and complied with the naturalization laws.

II. Opposition to all political organizations composed exclusively of Foreigners, and to all attempts to exclude the Bible from Schools supported by the government.

III. Slavery is local—not national—we oppose its extension in any of our territories, and the increase of its political power by the admission into the Union of any Slave State; and otherwise; and we demand of the General Government an immediate redress of the great wrongs which have been inflicted upon the cause of Freedom and the American character by the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and the introduction of Slavery into Kansas in violation of law; by the force of arms, and the destruction of the elective franchise.

IV. In humble imitation of the wisdom of Washington, we oppose all intervention in the affairs of Foreign States; yet on all proper occasions, we will not withhold our sympathy from any people aspiring to be free.

V. We support American Industry and genius against the adverse policy of Foreign nations and facilities for internal and external commerce by the improvement of rivers and harbors and the construction of national roads uniting the various sections of the Union.

VI. The Union of these States should be made perpetual by a faithful allegiance to the Constitution.

VII. In State policy we zealously advocate Retrenchment and Reform—a modification of the present oppressive system of Taxation and a liberal system of Public Schools.

THOS. SPOONER, President,
JOHN E. KISS, Secretary.

The Herald and other Matters.

We are sorry that the Editor of the Herald avails himself of any and every pretext—whether real or imaginary—to find fault with our course in conducting our paper. Prior to the election he was by no means sparing in his thrusts at us, personally, and at the American party, charging the Editor of this paper with hypocrisy, and the American party of the County with dishonesty, and now the gentleman goes a little farther in his Daily of Saturday last, and charges us with literary theft.

The sequel has proved that the American party has been true as steel to the entire State as well as County ticket, and therefore has amply vindicated itself against the foul assertion. As it relates to itself, we challenge any man to find one word or sentence in our paper which can be tortured into even an insinuation against one candidate on the State ticket. Can the Editor of the Herald say the same and keep within the record? We are willing to award sincerity to Mr. Allison in his advocacy of the State ticket, but there are not a few who are honest in the conviction that in some respects he was very indiscreet. It seemed to be quite an affliction to our brother of the quill that we should call out County ticket the American Ticket, while the fact was before us that it was the identical ticket presented by the American party from their Councils in the County and must be by them supported or defeat would inevitably follow. Many of our Republican brethren outside the American order nobly co-operated with us, and they are

fairly entitled to share in the honors of the victory, but there were others who flew the track. We have evidence clear that out of the 2200 votes cast for the American ticket, over 1900 were by members of the Order, and yet we must be blamed for calling the ticket by its proper name. Our friend complains of us in his paper of Saturday the 13th inst., for stealing his telegraph news, and apologizes for our ignorance by saying that we did not intend to commit "literary theft," &c. To this we reply 1st. That we did not commit the act charged, and 2nd. If we had done so, it would not have been literary theft. We defy Mr. Allison to find one sentence of Telegraph news in our paper of the 10th inst., taken from the Herald. But suppose we had published the telegraph news of his extra. He says we did. We say emphatically, we did not. We challenge an examination. By universal consent when telegraph news is printed it is common property. In this respect it is entirely different from editorial matter, and Mr. Allison viewed the matter thus himself sometime since, when, if we are not mistaken, he copied very freely from other papers without giving them credit. But so it is, circumstances sometimes very materially alter cases.

We are acquainted with an Editor not many doors from us, who, it is said, was engaged in his sanctum in preparing an editorial for his paper. Being necessarily called out before it was completed for the press, the Foreman entered in his absence, and finding that it was taken, sole and body, from the New York Tribune, he picked up the Tribune and handed it to the compositor, from which he set up the entire article, and thus the talent of Horace Greeley was *Heralded* forth to an astonished world.

We are willing to meet the Editor of the Herald upon the broad ground of mutual rights and mutual privileges, but we intend from this hour, respectfully, but promptly to repel every attack which may be made from that quarter upon the political party to which we belong.

We stand now precisely where we stood last year, on true American Anti-Slavery ground. The platform adopted by the American Convention at Cleveland in June last, is our platform. It embraces every thing contained in the 13th of July platform, and many other principles of great importance in national and State policy.

Jubilating.

The k-n-fusionists were jubilating in this city last night over their success in this county and State. Whiskey snuffed awfully, and quite an extensive business was done in burning store boxes, and other offensive materials. The jubilants visited the residence of the Reverend Mr. Thiépoint, the Catholic Priest, and saluted him with three groans, cat cawls and other unseemly sounds. They also visited the residence of Mr. Trainer, and gave him a similar salute. Our residence came in for a couple of visits, and they did us the honor to greet us with groans, wishes that this paper would go down, and other evidences of the esteem in which they held us. They also repaired to the residence of Reverend Zachariah Ragan, cheered and gave other evidences of their good will and fellow feeling for him. They then visited the residences of several others of their favorites; both bon-fires out of the purloined store boxes in their honor, and gave other evidences that they had not met with quite so bad a reverse in Ohio as their brethren have sustained elsewhere throughout the Union.

All this is appropriate. They have wantonly insulted an inoffensive Catholic Priest, who obtrudes his opinions upon no one—they have openly complimented the greatest hypocrite—and the most shameless political profligate who ever disgraced his calling or honored his party by deserting it. Aside from the disgrace to the city, we do not complain. We have constantly attempted to show that just such material make up a large portion of this American party, which claims that they only are fit to rule America, and are rather glad that they should

come to our aid and help us to prove our case. It was on the night before market, and we are glad the people from the country had an opportunity of witnessing for themselves the beautiful material which Know Nothingism attracts to its standard in the cities.—*American Union of Saturday 13th.*

From sources more reliable than the American Union, we have evidence satisfactory that the merry party did pay their respects to Hon. A. Stuart, and also to Mr. Trainer on Friday evening of last week, in form and manner as above stated. What better treatment had Hon. A. Stuart a right to expect from a community which had been so grossly insulted by him? Look at the epithets which he has been in the daily and weekly habit of applying to many of the very best and most honorable men in our city, for the last year. "Liar, Scoundrel, Cut-throat, Traitor to God and to our Country, Midnight Assassin, Perjured Villain," &c. &c. We can only say that it is proof positive of the orderly and law abiding character of this community, that he has been so long borne with, under the many provocations and insults which he has passed upon the citizens of Steubenville.—We are not to be understood as vindictive the proceedings of Friday night.—If we were visited by the company, we were not aware of the compliment. We were doubtless enjoying "nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep."

It is however untrue that the jubilants saluted Rev. Thiépoint with three groans, cat-cawls &c. We are informed that they passed quietly along the street on which he resides, without in any way molesting his reverence. We are glad they did so, although we confess we cannot perceive any thing in the domicile of a Catholic Priest—even if his house should be sprinkled from the garret to the cellar with holy water—more sacred than the residence of any other citizen. It is too late in the day to wake up in this republic a superstitious reverence for Jesuitish Monks and Friars. We only add, that we have been informed that many of the most orderly and respectable young men in the city, were concerned in the justification. Boys behave yourselves, let Rev. Thiépoint and Hon. A. Stuart alone, and leave them in all their glory.

We learn from the New Brighton Young American, that the Merrick House one of the most magnificent hotels in western Pennsylvania, was destroyed by fire on the 5th inst. It was located in New Brighton in 1836. It was commenced by a private company, which failed after spending some \$20,000. It then fell into the hands of the Trustees of the U. S. Bank, from whom it was purchased by Messrs. Hoops, Miner, and Merrick, for \$2,500. The house and furniture was insured in the sum of \$25,000. We learn that a more magnificent building will in a short time be erected on the same grounds.

We ask attention to the advertisement of M. McElboos & Co., in to-day's paper. They are prepared to accommodate all who wish to purchase any marble work whatever. Mr. Muldoon received the first premium on articles exhibited at the last fair of the Jefferson County Agricultural Society; and is determined not to be surpassed in his line of business.—Give him a call and see for yourself.

PULMONARY DISEASES.—There is a remedy prepared by Dr. George M. Keyser, of 140 Wood Street, Pittsburgh Pa., that has won great renown in the way of curing the various incipient diseases of the Lungs and pulmonary apparatus. Dr. Keyser's Pectoral Syrup is on quick hold, but has won and kept the confidence of many of the highest standing. Dr. Keyser prepares and mixes all the ingredients of the Pectoral Syrup with his own hands and says that he will continue to do so.—If you wish a good medicine for a Cough or Cold you can buy it at the Agencies.—For sale by Heeling & Melvin.

We invite attention to the card of Mr. C. A. Bowers of the Norton House. He is much of a gentleman, and will no doubt keep an excellent house.

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We hope the present is the last half sheet we shall ever be under the necessity of issuing from this office. Our patrons are aware that we have recently purchased a press and all the necessary fixtures for our office. The change has occupied the time of our printers for the last few days. Those of our subscribers who have paid, and who intend to pay for the paper, will no doubt excuse us.

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Did General Washington utter falsehoods which he thus expressed himself? Are his opinions entitled to no weight? Is his testimony of no value in the decision of this question?

We here submit the letters to the calm consideration of Americans:

Election Returns—Latest News.

The returns of our State Election are coming in quite slowly, since Wednesday last. Up to this time, we have been able to collect together, the returns from seventy-eight counties. Of these twenty-nine are official; the balance are as reported. The footings up of majorities are—Chase, in 58 counties 33,515; Medill, in 19 counties 12,955, leaving Chase 20,560 ahead, and ten counties to heat from, with a reported tie vote in Ashland. Trimble obtained a majority in one county only, viz: Madison, of which the official vote is—for Trimble, 577; Chase, 592; Medill, 435. Madison is "Pap Taylor's" Banner County! We hope to be able to give the Official vote of the entire State, in our next Weekly issue.

The Legislative result—so far as heard from—is: Senate—25 Republicans elected, out of 30; House of Representatives, 60 Republicans, out of 79.

The above is taken from the Daily Herald of this city, and is the result of faithful labor and monetary expenditure of its indefatigable Editor—for "time and labor is money." In our next issue we hope to be able to publish the official returns from the entire State.

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TO RICHARD HENRY LEE.

MORRISTOWN, May 17, 1777.

DEAR SIR: I take the liberty to ask you what Congress expect I am to do with the many foreigners they have at different times promoted to the rank of field officers, and by their last resolve, two, to that of colonel?—These men have no attachment to the country, further than interest binds them. Our officers—think it extremely hard, after they have toiled in the service, and have sustained many losses, to have strangers put over them, whose merits, perhaps, are not equal to their own but whose effrontery will take no denial.

It is by the zeal and activity of our own people that the cause must be supported, and not by a few hungry adventurers.

I am, &c.,

G. WASHINGTON.

TO THE SAME.

MIDDLEBANK, June 1, 1777.

You will, before this can reach you, have seen Monsieur Decoudray; what his real expectations were, I do not know, but I fear, if his appointment is equal to what I have been told is his expectation, it will be attended with unhappy consequences, to say nothing of the policy of intrusting a department, on the execution of which the salvation of the army depends, to a foreigner, who has no other tie to bind him to the interests of the country than honor. I would beg leave to observe, that, by putting Mr. D. at the head of the artillery, you will lose a very valuable officer in General Knox, who is a man of great military standing sound judgement, and clear conception, who will resign if any one is put over him.

I am, &c.,

G. WASHINGTON.

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To Governor Morris, Esq.

WHITE PLAINS, July 24, 1778.

DEAR SIR: The design of this is to touch cursorily upon a subject of very great importance to the well-being of these States, much more so than will appear at first view. I mean the appointment of so many foreigners to office of high rank and trust in our service.

The lavish manner in which rank has hitherto been bestowed on these gentlemen will certainly be productive of one or the other of these two evils—either to make us despicable in the eyes of Europe, or become a means of pouring them in upon us like a torrent and adding to our present burden.

But it is neither the expense nor trouble of them I most dread, there is an evil more extensive in its nature and fatal in its consequences to be apprehended—and that is the driving all our own officers out of service, and throwing not only our own army, but our military councils, entirely into the hands of foreigners.

The officers, my dear sir, on whom you must depend for the defence of this cause, distinguished by length of service and military merit, will not submit much, if any longer, to the unnatural promotion of men over them, who have nothing more than a plausible plausibility, unbounded pride and ambition, and a perseverance in the application; to support their pretensions, men who in the first instance, tell you they wish for nothing more than the honor of serving in so glorious a cause as volunteers; the next day solicit rank without pay, the day following, want money advanced to them, and in the course of a week want further promotion. The expediency and policy of the measure remain to be considered, and whether it is consistent with justice or prudence to promote these military fortune hunters, at the hazard of our army.

Baron Steuben, I now find, is also wanting to quit his inspectorship for a command in the line. This will be productive of much discontent. In a word though I think the Baron an excellent officer, I do most devoutly wish that we had not a single foreigner among us except the Marquis de Lafayette, who acts upon very different principles from those which govern the rest.

I am, most sincerely, your,

G. WASHINGTON.

JEFFERSON COUNTY ELECTION.

OFFICIAL RETURNS FOR STATE OFFICERS.

GOVERNOR.

	Medill	Chase	Trimble
Steub. 1st W.	50	83	4
do 2d "	73	173	5
do 3d "	90	158	8
do 4th "	127	87	7
do 1st Dist.	31	6	1
do 2d "	53	53	0
Island Creek	123	130	4
Knox	112	118	14
Saline	41	75	28
Brush Creek	37	49	5
Ross	43	96	11
Springfield	38	108	0
Salem	136	127	12
Wayne	113	184	0
Smithfield	94	180	8
Mt. Pleasant	40	130	19
Warren	113	136	3
Wells	117	113	2
Cross Creek	107	150	1
Total	1523	2156	131

LT. GOVERNOR.

	Myers	Ford
Steub. 1st Ward	89	88
do 2d "	73	181
do 3d "	89	167
do 4th "	134	89
do 1st Dist.	21	7
do 2d "	57	57
Island Creek	136	132
Knox	114	129
Saline	41	101
Brush Creek	40	52
Ross	45	104
Springfield	38	107
Salem	143	133
Wayne	113	188
Smithfield	94	188
Mt. Pleasant	42	146
Warren	114	157
Wells	117	117
Cross Creek	105	155
Total	1543	2297

SUPREME JUDGES.

	Known	Banker	Warden	County
Steub. 1st Ward	42	83	37	92
do 2d "	82	173	73	182
do 3d "	103	155	90	168
do 4th "	136	87	131	92
do 1st Dist.	23	6	21	8
do 2d "	57	57	57	57
Island Creek	124	133	126	132
Knox	114	129	114	129
Saline	41	103	41	103
Brush Creek	41	51	40	52
Ross	45	104	45	104
Springfield	38	107	38	107
Salem	144	131	143	132
Wayne	112	187	113	185
Smithfield	103	179	94	188
Mt. Pleasant	48	145	42	146
Warren	117	151	114	152
Wells	117	117	117	117
Cross Creek	114	150	108	154
Total	1592	2253	1544	2400

AUDITOR STATE.

	Morgan	Wright
Steub. 1st Ward	40	89
do 2d "	74	181
do 3d "	90	168
do 4th "	131	92
do 1st Dist.	21	8
do 2d "	59	57
Island Creek	125	132
Knox	115	129
Saline	41	103
Brush Creek	40	52
Ross	45	104
Springfield	38	107
Salem	143	132
Wayne	114	185
Smithfield	94	188
Mt. Pleasant	41	147
Warren	117	152
Wells	117	117
Cross Creek	110	152
Total	1550	2295

TREASURER STATE.

	Breath	Gibson
Steub. 1st Ward	33	91
do 2d "	73	181
do 3d "	90	167
do 4th "	139	91
do 1st Dist.	21	8
do 2d "	57	57
Island Creek	123	132
Knox	115	129
Saline	41	103
Brush Creek	40	52
Ross	45	104
Springfield	38	107
Salem	143	132
Wayne	113	186
Smithfield	94	188
Mt. Pleasant	42	146
Warren	114	152
Wells	117	117
Cross Creek	109	153
Total	1545	2296

SECRETARY STATE.

	Trevitt	Baker
Steub. 1st Ward	39	90
do 2d "	74	80
do 3d "	90	167
do 4th "	132	91
do 1st Dist.	21	8
do 2d "	57	57
Island Creek	126	133
Knox	115	129
Saline	41	103
Brush Creek	40	52
Ross	45	104
Springfield	38	107
Salem	143	132
Wayne	113	186
Smithfield	94	188
Mt. Pleasant	42	146
Warren	114	152
Wells	117	117
Cross Creek	108	155
Total	1549	2296

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

	McCook	Kimball
Steub. 1st Ward	44	86
do 2d "	79	178
do 3d "	94	130
do 4th "	130	92
do 1st Dist.	201	22
do 2d "	57	57
Island Creek	125	132
Knox	113	131
Soline	81	45
Brush creek	45	49
Ross	801	106
Springfield	38	107
Salem	141	181
Wayne	113	184
Smithfield	94	187
Mc Pleasant	437	144
Warren	114	152
Wells	117	117
Cross Creek	112	148
Total	1568	2299